



CUMMINGTON

Hampshire County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Cummington is a small rural community located at the western end of Hampshire County in the heart of the Berkshire Mountains. It is a residential and farming community which takes pride in maintaining its "old time" country New England flavor. The town boasts many historical properties of significance including the William Cullen Bryant Homestead, and Kingman Tavern, the town's Historical Museum, felt by residents to be one of the finest examples of a rural town historical museum in the state. Cummington is rich in cultural diversity. It is the home of the Cummington Community of Arts and is the location of a variety of craft and art shows throughout the year. The Hillside Agricultural Society holds its highly respected fair at the fairgrounds at the end of August each year. And, while their opinion is admittedly biased, the residents of Cummington make the claim of having the most spectacular fall foliage anywhere.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Western Massachusetts, bordered by Plainfield on the north, Windsor on the west, Peru and Worthington on the southwest and south, Chesterfield on the southeast, Goshen on the east, and Ashfield on the northeast. Cummington is 24 miles east of Pittsfield, 32 miles southwest of Greenfield, and 114 miles west of Boston.

Total Area: 23.06 sq. miles

Land Area: 23.06 sq. miles

Population: 785

Density: 34 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Cummington Hill Station)

Normal temperature in January.....19.9°F

Normal temperature in July.....67.3°F

Normal annual precipitation.....46.0"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Worthington, Goshen

Regional Planning Agency

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 634-5354

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen
Executive Secretary
Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1779

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	498		
Democrats	80	16.1	%
Republicans	62	12.4	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	356	71.5	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Cummington town, Hampshire County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	978	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	978	100.0
Male.....	495	50.6	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	32	3.3
Female.....	483	49.4	Mexican.....	3	0.3
Under 5 years.....	36	3.7	Puerto Rican.....	21	2.1
5 to 9 years.....	46	4.7	Cuban.....	-	-
10 to 14 years.....	60	6.1	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	8	0.8
15 to 19 years.....	162	16.6	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	946	96.7
20 to 24 years.....	25	2.6	White alone.....	918	93.9
25 to 34 years.....	119	12.2	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	177	18.1	Total population.....	978	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	154	15.7	In households.....	863	88.2
55 to 59 years.....	51	5.2	Householder.....	382	39.1
60 to 64 years.....	38	3.9	Spouse.....	207	21.2
65 to 74 years.....	58	5.9	Child.....	202	20.7
75 to 84 years.....	42	4.3	Own child under 18 years.....	163	16.7
85 years and over.....	10	1.0	Other relatives.....	13	1.3
Median age (years).....	38.1	(X)	Under 18 years.....	7	0.7
18 years and over.....	705	72.1	Nonrelatives.....	59	6.0
Male.....	338	34.6	Unmarried partner.....	30	3.1
Female.....	367	37.5	In group quarters.....	115	11.8
21 years and over.....	669	68.4	Institutionalized population.....	115	11.8
62 years and over.....	134	13.7	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	110	11.2	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	48	4.9	Total households.....	382	100.0
Female.....	62	6.3	Family households (families).....	239	62.6
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	93	24.3
One race.....	961	98.3	Married-couple family.....	207	54.2
White.....	943	96.4	With own children under 18 years.....	75	19.6
Black or African American.....	6	0.6	Female householder, no husband present.....	22	5.8
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	4	0.4	With own children under 18 years.....	12	3.1
Asian.....	3	0.3	Nonfamily households.....	143	37.4
Asian Indian.....	-	-	Householder living alone.....	107	28.0
Chinese.....	-	-	Householder 65 years and over.....	39	10.2
Filipino.....	-	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	98	25.7
Japanese.....	1	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	85	22.3
Korean.....	2	0.2	Average household size.....	2.26	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	2.77	(X)
Other Asian ¹	-	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	452	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	382	84.5
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	70	15.5
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	51	11.3
Some other race.....	5	0.5	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.7	(X)
Two or more races.....	17	1.7	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	1.0	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	382	100.0
White.....	960	98.2	Owner-occupied housing units.....	287	75.1
Black or African American.....	10	1.0	Renter-occupied housing units.....	95	24.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	15	1.5	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.40	(X)
Asian.....	5	0.5	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.82	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	8	0.8			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP): 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Public roads and highways in the area are generally in good condition and meet the demands of modern transportation.

Major Highways

The principal highways are State Route 9, which runs roughly E-W across Massachusetts, and State Route 112, which runs N-S.

Rail

There is no passenger or freight rail service, but the network of intermodal facilities serving Massachusetts is easily accessible.

Bus

Cummington is a member of the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA). There is no fixed route service. FRTA provides paratransit services for the elderly and disabled through the Williamsburg Council on Aging.

Other

Barnes Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility located in Northampton, is accessible via Route 9. It has a 5,000' x 100' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Precision and Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Kingman Tavern Historical Museum

Main Street

(413) 634-5527

William Cullen Bryant Homestead

Bryant Street

(413) 643-2244

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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